



Homeland Security

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Re: **2013-HQFO-00778**

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Privacy Office, dated June 27, 2013, and received in this office on June 28, 2013. You requested documents regarding the following records: The report submitted in compliance with Sec. 534 of NDAA 2013: (a) Reports required not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Act, each Secretary and military department (and the Secretary of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard) shall submit to the congressional committees specified in the subsection (c) a report on hazing in each Armed Force under the jurisdiction of the Secretary; (b) Elements the report on an Armed Force required by subsection (a) shall include the following: (1) An evaluation of the definition of hazing contained in the Secretary of Defense Policy Memorandum dated August 28, 1997; (2) A discussion of the policies of the Armed Force for preventing and responding to incidents of hazing; (3) A description of the methods implemented to track and report, including report anonymously, incidents of hazing in the Armed Forces; (4) An assessment by the Secretary submitting the report of the following: (a) The scope of the problem of hazing in the Armed Force; (b) The training on recognizing and preventing hazing provided members of the Armed Force; (c) The actions taken to prevent and respond to hazing incidents in the Armed Force; (d) The extent to which the Uniform Code of Military Justice specifically addresses the prosecution of persons subject to the Code who are alleged to have committed hazing; and (e) The feasibility of establishing a database to track, respond to, and resolve incidents of hazing. (5) A description of the additional actions, if any, the Secretary submitting the report proposes to take to further address the incidence of hazing in the Armed Force; (6) Any recommended changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice or the Manual for Courts-Martial to improve the prosecution of persons alleged to have committed hazing in the Armed Force; (a) Submission of Reports - the reports required by subsection (a) shall be submitted to (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Commerce; Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

Due to the subject matter of your request, I am transferring this request to the FOIA Officer for U.S. Coast Guard, Gaston Brewer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Commandant (CG-611), 2100 2nd Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20593-0001, for processing under the FOIA and direct response to you. You may contact Gaston Brewer's office directly at 202-475-3525.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **2013-HQFO-00778**. You may contact this office at 1-866-431-0486 or 202-343-1743.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Washington".

Angela Washington
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FOIA Program Development